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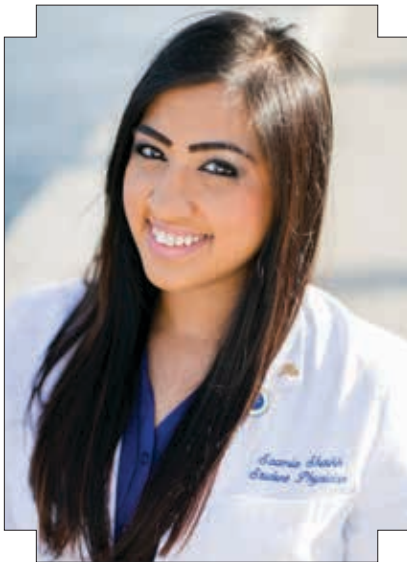
SGA Rounds

Executive Board Student Government Association

Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Letter from the Editor in Chief

By OMS-III Saamia Shaikh, Executive Board Administrator of Public Affairs and First-Year Law Student



FIRST AND FOREMOST, congratulations to all the fourth-year students that matched in the AOA Match on February 8. For the rest of you who are still waiting, I am sending you luck and positive vibes for the ACGME Match on March 18. The early mornings and late nights have paid off, and I am sure the light is shining more brightly than ever.

This is a huge accomplishment, and I wish you nothing but the best as you move on to the next chapter of your lives and the next stage of your medical training.

As a part of its Mental Health Taskforce Awareness Initiative, the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) created the OMS Day of Wellness, which was held on February 10. Every osteopathic medical school across the nation set aside this day to organize something for the students to emphasize the importance of mental health and wellness in general.

At NSU-COM, the Executive Board SGA distributed healthy snacks and coordinated a wellness event outside of the Steele Auditorium to encourage students to sign a pledge to help in “beating the stigma” to kick start the #NSUCOMWellness campaign. In addition, OMS-II Leanne Iorio put together a Trail Mix Challenge where students could create a bag of their own trail mix if they did 50 sit-ups, 30 pushups, or a one-minute plank.

In light of many recent events and many new initiatives being taken by the COM administration, the Executive Board SGA’s #NSUCOMWellness campaign aims to bring awareness to others and to unite osteopathic medical students as a student body.

To elaborate on the mental health issue, approximately 400 physicians a year commit suicide. Recently, Nabil El Sanadi, M.D., who served as CEO of Broward Health—the largest clinical training facility associated with NSU-COM—succumbed to suicide. In addition, medical students disproportionately suffer from depression—almost twice as much as their nonmedical student counterparts.

Depression, which thrives in the medical profession, can be debilitating. Unfortunately, many students and medical professionals view the stigma of mental health as a barrier to seeking care, so reducing the stigma is of paramount importance. Let’s work together to reduce the shame of mental illness via increased awareness and promotion of mental health in medical students. Share your story, help a friend in need, and foster an environment where seeking care for mental health is encouraged and not seen as a sign of weakness or incompetency.

Finally, I would like to give a special shout out to our Executive Board SGA treasurer, OMS-II Christopher Mancuso, who will be one of the research fellows next year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to contribute to the next issue or if you have any suggestions. I can be reached via e-mail at shaikh@nova.edu.



COSGP Visits TouroCOM in Nevada

By OMS-III Lauren Boudreau, Executive Board SGA President



Lauren Boudreau and Bhavik Gupta

IN JANUARY, the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) held its third quarterly meeting of the 2015–2016 academic year at TouroCOM in Henderson, Nevada. OMS-II Bhavik Gupta, Executive Board SGA president-elect, and I attended as NSU-COM student body representatives.

One of the most interesting aspects of the meeting was being able to explore a different college of osteopathic medicine. Interestingly, TouroCOM Nevada started out as a warehouse and offers a unique facility. The college has a fascinating floor plan that is able to accommodate several programs, including nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant.

Additionally, TouroCOM Nevada is home to the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities and offers unique opportunities for students. It also serves as a quintessential component of the school's ability to serve the community. The school proudly owns two mobile health clinics that serve

the community by providing physical exams, immunizations, and wellness checks for children and wound care for the underserved.

With TouroCOM Nevada's focus on community, the COSGP contributed by holding a family health fair. During the event, students were able to participate in several activities, including packing health kits for the homeless with items such as soap, water bottles, snack bars, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. The participants also held a mini-medical school, where medical students hosted stations to educate children about anatomy and the significance of exercise, nutrition, and visiting the doctor for wellness visits.

The event also hosted a group exercise program where members of the community could participate and learn about yoga, Pilates, and Zumba. Medical students provided the community with health screenings,



including information on BMI, blood sugar, and blood pressure. The health fair was a great success and gave us a great feeling about our impact on the Henderson community.

The NSU-COM student leadership looks forward to the COSGP Spring Quarterly Meeting in Washington, D.C., which will take place April 8–10 in conjunction with the AACOM Annual Conference.



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Kelly Thibert Named Student D.O. of the Year

By OMS-II Leanne Iorio, Executive Board SGA Parliamentarian



IN FEBRUARY, OMS-IV KELLY THIBERT was named NSU-COM's 2015–2016 Student D.O. of the Year. Thibert was nominated by her peers and chosen by the NSU-COM Local Selection Committee, whose members were determined by the Council of Osteopathic Students Government Presidents (COSGP).

Thibert has held or currently holds leadership positions in multiple organizations that benefit her fellow medical students, underserved populations, and public health in general. For example, she

has demonstrated commitment to the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) by serving as a leader during her four years at NSU-COM, as well as on a national level throughout her years as an undergraduate and graduate student. One of Thibert's primary goals as national AMSA president-elect is to promote osteopathic awareness within the organization and across the nation.

Each year for the past five years, Thibert has worked with children suffering from muscular dystrophy. She has also dedicated her time to the uninsured, women suffering from abuse, and children with special needs. Of particular note is the fact that she is the cofounder and a board member of a student-run, free clinic for homeless and underserved populations. In addition to all her accomplishments, Thibert was selected for this award because of her uplifting personality, enthusiasm, and commitment to the osteopathic profession.

As NSU-COM's Student of the Year, Thibert will compete for the National Student D.O. of the Year Award that is presented annually by the COSGP, which is a council of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

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Fun the Focus at Quidditch Tournament

By OMS-II Aadil Vora, Lippman Society Peer Mentor



A UNIQUE TRAIT OF THE College of Osteopathic Medicine is the 10 academical societies into which the student body is placed. Each society is a smaller group of students that interacts with chosen peer mentors and faculty members—making an otherwise large medical school feel more like a small one. And while the societies are largely used for academic purposes, they also compete against each other in fun competitions throughout the school year to win points in an attempt to capture the coveted COM Cup.

On February 9, the academical societies competed against each other in the inaugural Quidditch Tournament, which was organized by the COM CUP Committee members: OMS-IIs Aadil Vora, Hayley Talboy, and Jaclyn Siegel.

Quidditch is a game created by J.K Rowling that was popularized by the *Harry Potter* series. In the books, the four houses of the school—Hogwarts—compete against each other in the Quidditch Tournament. The game is

played by flying on a broom and throwing the ball, called a quaffle, through the hoop to score points at the end of the field.

Each of the 10 societies made a roster of 10 players to play the game, and many showed up in spirited gear with posters and team shirts to support their societies. About 180 students attended, while a number of faculty members also came to support their respective societies. Elaine Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S., our fearless dean, shocked everyone by coming as Dumbledore, dressed in a purple velvet cloak, wearing a long white beard, and carrying a staff. She even brought her three children, who also dressed as *Harry Potter* characters.

Each game, which was 10 minutes long, was played on the quad grass field in front of the NSU Alvin Sherman Library. Many people stopped by to take pictures of medical students “flying” around on brooms as they threw a deflated volleyball through hula hoops at the end of the field. The winners of each game competed each other, with the Still Society winning in a final round tiebreaker.

This event was a first for the college and is likely to become a tradition since it was huge hit with the students. “It’s so great we get to do fun events like this at our medical school,” said OMS-II Sheeva Yazdani. “So many of us grew up reading the *Harry Potter* series, and I really appreciate the fact that our school has approved an event that resonates with so many of us.” OMS-I Naeem Syed agreed and added: “This fulfilled my childhood fantasy of being a chaser in a Quidditch game!”

Plans are already in the works for another *Harry Potter*-themed event—the Yule Ball.



Osteopathic Medicine Day in Tallahassee

By OMS-II Hemali Patel, NSU-COM FOMA Chapter President



ON JANUARY 14, eight students from NSU-COM's student chapter of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) participated in Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day in Tallahassee. We joined a fairly large group of other osteopathic physicians and students to meet with state legislators on behalf of our profession. This opportunity allowed legislators to discuss topical issues, as well as any individual involvement they may have had in past or upcoming health care bills.

Osteopathic students from three colleges were in attendance: NSU-COM, LECOM Bradenton, and ACOM (Dothan, Alabama). In addition, various FOMA members participated, including the outgoing president, William Stager, D.O., M.S., M.P.H., and the president-elect, Nicole Bixler, D.O., M.B.A. In addition, our very own Traci-lyn Eisenberg, D.O., was there representing the FSACOFP Executive Board.

We began the morning by meeting in a room in the Capitol, where we discussed the day's agenda. During this time, several state legislators came by as their schedules permitted and spoke to the physicians and students to help

us understand how legislation works and which steps we, as physicians and future physicians, could take to get our concerns heard.

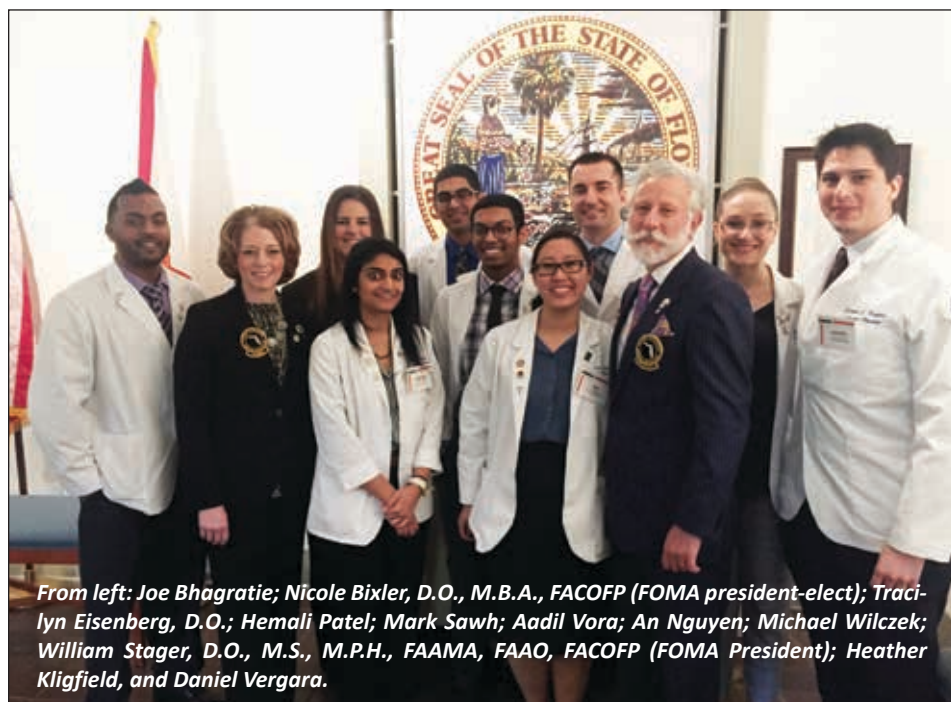
We then went to the House Chamber, where we met with House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, who explained the seating arrangements and discussed what occurred during a typical day in the chamber. We also spoke to Ronald Renuart, D.O., who received his osteopathic medicine degree from NSU-COM and is the only D.O. to ever have been elected to the Florida House of Representatives. We then went to the Senate Chamber to meet with several senators.

Following our visit to the Senate Chamber, we walked over to the old Capitol building through a crowd of protesting teachers, which for me was an interesting and powerful atmosphere to witness in real life rather than through technology. We also watched Dr. Stager receive a plaque officially declaring January 14 as Osteopathic Medicine Day. We ended the day by visiting the offices of



the legislators in our area on behalf of NSU-COM and ourselves.

I speak for all of us that attended when I say this was a great experience. It was interesting to see how the legislative process works, and to gain a better understanding of what the FOMA does. It was truly eye-opening to see and hear examples of how much the FOMA does to protect and preserve the rights of osteopathic physicians. It was equally impressive to witness the strong relationships the association has maintained with legislators, as well as inspiring to see the efforts made to help Florida's physicians practice medicine in its purest form.



Legislative Process in Action at Deans' Day

By OMS-III Saamia Shaikh, Executive Board Administrator of Public Affairs and First-Year Law Student

ON JANUARY 26–27, a number of NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students and faculty members traveled to Tallahassee to participate in Dean's Day at the Florida State Capitol. During Deans' Day, the Council of Florida Medical School Deans, which comprises the deans from each of Florida's seven allopathic and two osteopathic medical schools, comes together annually to discuss important issues with the council members and legislators.

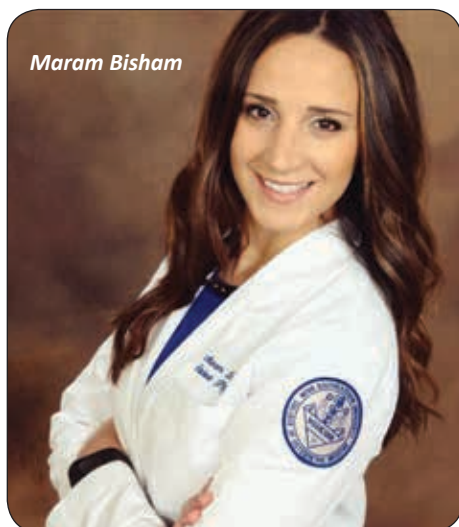
I participated along with third-year students Saamia Shaikh and Lauren Boudreau, second-year student Bhavik Gupta, and Corey Dubose, D.O., chief family medicine resident at Broward Health Medical Center. Faculty members in attendance were Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S., NSU-COM dean; Kenneth Johnson, D.O., assistant dean of faculty; and James Howell, M.D., M.P.H., assistant dean of professional relations.

The attendees met with various representatives and senators, as well as with John Armstrong, M.D., the state surgeon general, and Marshall Criser III, who serves as chancellor of the State University System of Florida. Some of the issues discussed while at the Capitol were increasing graduate medical education opportunities in Florida, ensuring the continuation of Medicaid payments to the state's public medical schools, telehealth, and mental health.



Physician Remembered by 5K-Run Creation

By OMS-III Maram Bisham



Maram Bisham

TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, a close friend and notable inspiration passed away from a rare medical complication. Jennifer Sidari, M.D., was not only an incredible human being, but also a truly compassionate doctor. She traveled to some of the most impoverished areas of the world to work in and establish pediatric clinics. Not a day goes by where I don't think of Dr. Sidari

and her spirit that continues to live on as one of the largest driving forces behind my own passion for medicine.

Since her passing, the friends and family of the late Dr. Sidari have banded together to create a foundation in her honor: Dr. Jen's Hope, which has provided medical scholarships to students who wish to change the world. Since most contributors work in northeastern Pennsylvania, my aim was to allow Dr. Sidari's legacy to live on beyond state lines. Therefore, in partnership with NSU and Dr. Jen's Hope, I designed an event that would ensure her legacy impacts students who possess a passion to change the world.

On December 6, 2014, I launched the event, called Dr. Jen's Hope: NOVA's 5K, which took place at NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. With the \$3,000 we raised from the event, I started a scholarship in 2015 that rewards current medical students who plan to fund

an international medical outreach trip. After reviewing many applications, the selection committee and I chose the following three applicants to receive \$1,000 scholarships:

- OMS-I Christina Baxter (Ecuador)
- OMS-I Chandni Patel (Ecuador)
- OMS-IV Chelsea Wells (Malawi)

I am so honored, humbled, and thankful to have made this possible. Successfully ensuring that Dr. Sidari's legacy lives on as an influence to others as she has been to me and is hands-down one of my greatest accomplishments. Let's all continue to do great things every day and remember where we came from and how thankful we are for the opportunity to experience this journey to become physicians. Let's always strive to help those in need.

"It's not the length of life, but the depth of life" – Ralph Waldo Emerson

AACOM Representatives Discuss Governmental Issues

ON FEBRUARY 4, NSU-COM students welcomed Pamela Murphy and Judith Mun from AACOM's Government Relations office. The AACOM duo spoke about issues such as the significance of medical students staying involved in the medical-political arena, student debt, and interest rates on student loans. They also discussed AACOM's first national grassroots advocacy campaign called ED to MED, which will give students and other advocates a voice in important public policy decisions affecting medical students and osteopathic medical schools. With a united front, ED to MED will help protect federal financial-aid programs for medical students, reduce the regulatory burdens on osteopathic medical schools, and promote the growth of the physician workforce.



SNMA Medical Outreach Trip to Jamaica

By OMS-II Christopher Mancuso



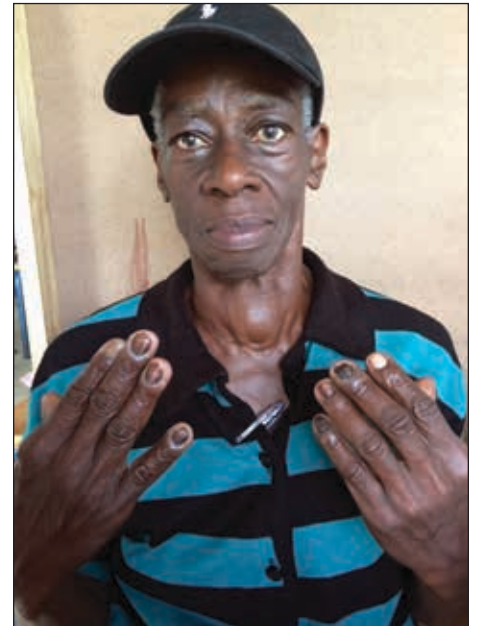
DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-19, about 30 of my fellow classmates and I were in Westmoreland, Jamaica, on a medical outreach trip that was organized by the NSU-COM Student National Medical Association. Paula Anderson-Worts, D.O., M.P.H., and Luzan Phillpotts, D.O., led the team to various schools, hotels, and churches that were converted to make-

shift clinics to provide medical care to hundreds of local residents.

Throughout the week, I worked in the pharmacy and with the medical team seeing patients. I also had the opportunity to interact with an optometrist, a dentist, and a dental hygienist. This was a wonderful experience that allowed me to see three other professions in the medical field working together.

In the pharmacy, I was able to put my knowledge to the test and really apply what we have been learning in the classroom. Working with optometry, I performed glaucoma IOP and vision tests. With the dentists, I was able to anesthetize a patient and extract one of his teeth, which was severely decayed and broken. During the medicine days, I saw my own patients and presented to the attending physicians, many of who were from other areas of the world.

I saw many patients with common chronic illnesses, like diabetes and



hypertension, but I also witnessed less-common illnesses such as gout. I also performed my first bimanual vaginal exam. Going into this medical outreach trip, I was a bit hesitant, but open-minded. After the experience, I cannot wait to go on another one. This experience was much different than sitting in a classroom and gave us all some motivation and eagerness to move ahead.



Dominican Republic and Ecuador Outreach

By OMS-II Romeena Lee, IMOC President

NSU-COM HAS ALWAYS HAD a strong commitment to serving the underserved. One way in which the college continues its commitment to helping others is by connecting with different communities around the world. This past December, Cheryl Atherley-Todd, M.D., CMD, and Jill Wallace-Ross, D.O., along with four physicians from Northampton Hospital in Massachusetts, led 24 second-year students in a medical outreach trip to the Dominican Republic.

The participants traveled to various provinces and provided free medical care to more than 500 patients in areas located outside of the capital of Santo Domingo. The Dominican Republic and Ecuador trips are not only known for their vow to helping indigenous populations, but also for providing patient-centered care every year.

As medical students, we often feel that being in a classroom for the first two years of medical school takes us away from our calling and reason for going into medical school in the first place. However, participating in NSU-COM medical outreach trips helps remind many students of why they chose medicine.

OMS-II Michelle Hack described the trip as inspirational. During her week in the Dominican Republic, she was able to put to practice the many hours of studying she had done in the classroom. The medical team not only asked patients about their history of present illness like we often practice in our clinical class, but we also had the opportunity to think independently about diagnosis and plan. She also described the consequences of having a lack of medical care. She said that

it was unimaginable “seeing all the diabetic patients who had developed glaucoma and blindness due to a lack of medical and financial resources.”

In another circumstance, Dr. Wallace-Ross and OMS-II Day Delgado performed a full history and physical examination on a man who had come in feeling unwell. He thought he had just exerted himself too much, but after a thorough history and exam, he was sent to the hospital for further care. Later that day, the hospital confirmed that the patient had been actively having a myocardial infarction and had been placed in the intensive care unit thanks to the team’s diligent action.

OMS-II Day Rios described other interesting cases that were seen, such as a male with breast cancer that had a mastectomy, and another patient with a possible abdominal aortic aneurysm with a pulsatile mass. While the students worked tirelessly over the week, the experiences and memories they made will last a lifetime.

In March 2016, Elaine Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S., NSU-COM dean, along with 6 physicians, a nurse practitioner, 2 volunteers, and 1 NSU occupational therapy faculty member, are planning to travel with 18 first-year COM students and 2 occupational therapy students to Ecuador. The Ecuador trip is one of NSU-COM’s oldest medical outreach trips, providing continuous medical services annually to indigenous populations of the rainforest that would not otherwise have medical care.

Last year’s team provided medical care to more than 300 patients, with many of the patients expressing the fact that the only time they saw a doctor was when NSU-COM’s team came to their village. Traveling to these indigenous villages and providing medical care annually is extraordinary and gives meaning to why we spend countless hours learning the intricacies of medicine. There is truly nothing more inspirational than being able to fulfill one’s lifelong dream to help others in need.



Medical Outreach in India Overview

By OMS-II Nishant Patel



DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, a team of 17 first- and second-year NSU-COM students set out to serve the rural village of Ahwa in the Dang District of the State of Gujarat. The efforts of Ashok Patel, M.D., who serves as founding trustee of the KJP Charitable Trust, authorities, and staff members from Ahwa Civil Hospital assisted the team in carrying out medical treatment for the underserved rural population of this area.

This marked the second year a team of NSU students has visited the area with hopes of not only providing medical care, but also improving medical education for the population, as well as developing solutions for the health problems specific to the community. The team was composed of eight first-year and nine second-year students. Joining the team was 2013 NSU-COM alumnus Emmanuel Sakla, D.O., a third-year physical medicine and rehabilitation resident at Larkin Community Hospital.

The students were placed into several teams consisting of three or four students and covered two sites. The

primary site was Ahwa Civil Hospital, where the teams worked alongside local physicians across a range of specialties. The second site was established at a school for the blind, which was staffed by a health care team from the United Kingdom.

Student responsibilities included performing a history of patient illness on the patients as well as providing patient counseling/education. Both sites offered a valuable experience for the students because they exposed them to cases that would be atypical in the United States, but also exposed

how physicians from other parts of the world approached health care. Over the course of six days, our teams were able to serve about 500 patients who presented with a variety of illnesses and crossed various age ranges.

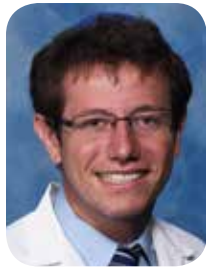
The following students participated in this year's outreach program: **OMS-Is:** Adam Devine, Andrew Harb, Aman Kaur, Anna Mercer, Rahul Patel, Arti Patel, Rachel Salvesson, and Bhavik Upadhyay. **OMS-IIIs:** Sruti Aiyaswamy, Krina Amin, Kimberly Baran, Rohin Chand, Sara Hartey, Vishal Jani, Nishant Patel, Nupur Shah, and Henry Taylor Skidmore.



Student Achievements



Berry



Eisenman



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Gaunt



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Hwang

OMS-III Adam Berry coauthored an article, “Assessment of an Alternative to the Uterine Vein for Venous Drainage in Human Uterine Transplantation: A Case Series Following Laparoscopic Hysterectomy,” that was published in the January issue of *Gynecologic and Obstetric Investigation*.

OMS-I Benjamin Eisenman had his coauthored article, “High- or Standard-Dose Influenza Vaccine for Middle-Aged Adults with Cardiovascular Disease: What’s a Doctor to Do?” published in the *Journal of Cardiology*. The article initially appeared online on December 1, 2015.

OMS-IV Alecia Folkes, M.S., coauthored an article, “Recurrent Basal Cell Carcinoma with Perineural Invasion: A Case Report and Review,” that was accepted for publication in volume 34 of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology*.

OMS-II’s Kelly Gaunt and Christopher Mancuso were selected to participate in the college’s 2015–2016 Predoctoral Research Fellowship Program. During their fellowship year, which will commence in

July 2016, Gaunt and Mancuso will have the opportunity to develop their own research projects and collaborate with others involved in the research field.

OMS-III’s Alexandra Grammenos and Ana Rivas had their article, “Review of Rhomboid Flaps and Their Modern Modifications,” published in volume 34 of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology*, where their article was featured as an editor’s pick.

OMS-III Karin Hwang coauthored the article, “The Impact of Maternal Body Mass Index and Gestational Age on the Detection of Uterine Contractions by Tocodynamometry: A Retrospective Study,” which was published in the October 2015 issue of *Reproductive Sciences*. She also coauthored the article, “Vaginal Electrohysterography: The Design and Preliminary Evaluation of a Novel Device for Uterine Contraction Monitoring in an Ovine Model,” that was published in the November 2015 issue of the *Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*.

OMS-II Laura Morrison served as third author on the article titled, “RFX

Transcription Factors Are Essential for Hearing in Mice,” which was published in the October 2015 issue of *Nature Communications*.

OMS-II Vinayak Shenoy coauthored an article, “Gender Differences in Door to EKG Time in the STEMI Population Lead to Worse Cardiovascular Outcomes,” that was accepted for presentation at the American College of Cardiology 65th Annual Scientific Session and Expo held April 2–4 in Chicago, Illinois.

OMS-IV Kelly Thibert and 16 other medical professionals visited the Department of Defense’s medical training facilities in San Antonio, Texas, on January 7.

OMS-III Ravi Uppal was elected as the national president of the Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association, which is dedicated to spreading knowledge of osteopathic medicine in Canada and abroad.

Congratulations to the new OPP fellows for 2016-2017: Parth Gandhi, Sara Hartey, Frances Lomanta, Genevieve Marshall, Kristopher Schock, and Hayley Talboy.



Mancuso



Morrison



Rivas



Shenoy



Thibert



Uppal

CEME Poster Competition Sets Milestone

By OMS-II Nishant Patel

On November 13, the college's Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME) held its Seventh Annual Scientific Research Poster Competition in the NSU Don Taft University Center. A record number of individuals from various CEME affiliates located throughout Florida and the southeastern United States, as well as NSU-COM students, submitted posters. The competition's growth was evident in the increase from 28 entries in 2012 to a 111 in 2015.

All posters were judged based on the format and completeness of abstract, the overall poster appearance, and the entrant's oral presentation. Case presentations were judged on the originality, clinical relevance, and uniqueness of the case; the background, differential diagnosis, and clinical discussion of the case; whether the conclusions were supported by clinical rationale; and the value and clinical relevance of the case as stated by the entrant.

Experimental research presentations were judged on the originality, clinical relevance, and uniqueness of the research topic; whether the objectives, hypothesis, data analysis, and results were clear; whether the methods were clear and reproducible; and whether the conclusions were in accordance with the results.

Cash prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100 were awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners in each category.

EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH

First Place

"Concentration of N-Terminal Prohormone Brain Natriuretic Peptide Is Correlated with Resting Hemodynamic Variability in Heart Failure Patients and Reduced Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction"

Cynthia Kos, D.O., M.Sc. (resident)

Katarzyna Barecka, M.Sc.

Ross W. May, Ph.D.

Krauze Tomasz, Ph.D.

Aneta Nowak, M.D.

Anna Palasz, M.D.

Andrzej Wykretowicz, M.D., Ph.D.

Przemyslaw Guzik, M.D., Ph.D.

Marcos A. Sanchez-Gonzalez, M.D., Ph.D.

Internal Medicine Residency Program
Larkin Community Hospital in Miami, Florida

Second Place

"Comparison of Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping to Standard Pelvic Lymphadenectomy in Patients with Grade 1 and 2 Endometrial Cancer"

Erica L. Takimoto, D.O. (resident)

Sarfraz Ahmad, Ph.D.

Ketura Preya A. Wisner, D.O.

Jasmine L. Gise, B.S.

Nicole M. Stavitzski, B.S.

Lorna A. Brudie, D.O.

James E. Kendrick, M.D.

Robert W. Holloway, M.D.

Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship
Florida Hospital in Orlando

Third Place

"Localized Forearm Skin Water Changes Associated with Heat-Induced Hyperemia"

Anita Singh (student)

Shalaka Akolkar (student)

Kevin Rechcigl (student)

Harvey Mayrovitz, Ph.D.

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CASE STUDIES

First Place

"To Histiocyte or Not to Histiocyte: That Is the Question. A Difficult Case of Diagnosing Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis"

Andrea M. Palestro, D.O. (resident)

Katherine Lens, D.O. (resident)

Carolina Fiamengo, M.D.

Pediatric Residency Program
Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale

Second Place

"An Unusual Duo: Cardiac Anomalies in a Patient with Niemann Pick Type A"

Chelsea Wells (student)

Patricia Camino (student)

Ashley Van Putten (student)

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Third Place

"Limitations of the Naproxen Test in a Case of Suspected Tumor Fever with Comorbid GI Bleed and MDS"

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CEME Poster Winners and Judges



From left: Katherine Lens, D.O. (resident); Andrea Palestro, D.O. (resident); Ashley Van Putten (student); Patricia Camino (student); Anita Singh (student); and Shaalaka Akolkar (student).



A number of NSU-COM faculty members participated as judges at the CEME Scientific Research Poster Competition. From left: Daniel Shaw, Ph.D., M.Ed.; Anjali Bhasin, M.D.; Hilda De Gaetano, D.O.; Janet Hamstra, Ed.D., M.S.; Dennis Penzell, D.O.; Marie Florent-Carre, D.O., M.P.H.; Traci-Lyn Eisenberg, D.O.; and Luzan Phillpotts, D.O. Not pictured: Cyril Blavo, D.O., M.S., M.P.H.T.M.; Raymond Ownby, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.; Yasmin Qureshi, D.P.T., M.H.S., M.P.T.; and Kenya Rivas, M.D.